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Cc: Scott Ellinger

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Ray,

I am available from 9:30 (our time) that morning—that would be 10:30 your time if that will work. You can call me at my office using my number below.

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From: Leissner.Ray@epamail.epa.gov [mailto:Leissner.Ray@epamail.epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 01, 2010 8:12 AM
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Subject: RE: El Paso

Hi John,

We can do both on the same call. I have a conference room between 10 am (our time) till 11:30 am on Monday December 6th. Scott Ellinger (the modeler) and I will be on the call at this end. You send me the telephone number and I'll call you on our nickel. We'll discuss implementation after the modeling.
Thanks.

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Date: 12/01/2010 08:36 AM
Subject: RE: El Paso

Ray,

I reviewed the revised modeling report and found that a number of parameters in addition to the grid spacing did change. Some of the new assumptions are of questionable validity. I am available next week on Mon, Wed, and Thu for a conference call.

Separately, I would like to discuss Class VI implementation with you and get an idea about what EPA's approach is going to be....

Thanks,

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To: Hall, John, NMENV
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Subject: El Paso

John,

I trust you had a good Thanksgiving. Now that that's behind us I'd like to schedule that conference call we discussed below about the GW model and our concerns. I know you need time to look it over so when you do I'd appreciate a heads-up to schedule that call. Thanks.

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Date: 11/17/2010 06:59 PM
Subject RE: Question
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Ray,

Actually, I have not had a chance to review the current version of the model. We met with a bunch of folks from El Paso a couple months ago and they presented the revised model. Based on the results of the revised model, in which the plume no longer enters New Mexico, I not sure we would continue having objections to the exemption.

According to the presenters, none of the modeling parameters changed except for reducing the grid spacing to increase the resolution of the model. If this is the case, I don't have any specific problems with the model. However, I did want to take a little time to review the parameters between the original version and the revised version to verify that no other parameters besides grid spacing changed....

I am willing to discuss the model, but I would like to look at the parameter lists again first. I probably will not get to this until after Thanksgiving. My treatment in evaluating the model is pretty course because I am not a modeler and we do not have any significant modeling resources in the Bureau. However, I would be interested to know what concerns your modeler has.

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Subject: RE: Question

Thanks John,

By the way, George said to dialogue with you concerning NMED's position on the GW modeling in the El Paso exemption. George said ya'll had no issues with the latest model. We've had one of our modelers look at it and he's got some serious issues. I'm fairly certain the technical staff is not going to support the model with our management and our deliberations with counterparts at TCEQ.

My question to you is would you be willing to discuss the model, our concerns and your thoughts in a conference call with me and Scott Ellinger the modeler? Maybe 1 hour? One thing I'd like to hear is your take on the model. I think maybe both agencies could benefit from understanding the others position.

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Date: 11/15/2010 05:56 PM
Subject: RE: Question

Ray,

We do not have any DP's for Taxidermists, but we do have a few meat packing facilities. For those we generally do not allow them to discharge to a septic tank leachfield system, except for their domestic waste. We usually require pump and haul.

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Due to a request by another Region, on our next national EPA conference call, we would like to report how your agency treats / would treat Class V wells at taxidermy or meat processing facilities? Thanks

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